

# Memorial United Methodist Church

April 5, 2020  
Palm Sunday  
In Home Worship

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Portions of the Service will be posted on the church's website.

## Prepare your heart to Worship -

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. God's steadfast love endures forever. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes. Bind the festival procession with branches. Jesus is the gate of the Lord. The righteous enter through him. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## Opening Prayer

Blessed One, we are humbled by your example. You entered Jerusalem in lowly estate, riding on a donkey. You emptied yourself and came as a servant to all, forsaking the power to command. Son of David, come to us now and be our King, that we too may sing our hosannas! Amen.

Reading of Psalm 31:9-16

◆ Old Testament Scripture Reading      Isaiah 50:4-9a

## Prayer of Confession

God of righteousness, this day places a mirror before our faces. We would rather sing hosannas with the cheering crowd, than stand up for our convictions in the face of an angry mob. We would rather dine with Christ at his table, than stand up for him in a courtyard of accusers. We would rather see ourselves as Christ's champions, than admit to ourselves that too could betray him with a kiss. Forgive our fickle faith, and heal our hesitant hearts. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

Epistle Reading      Philippians 2:5-11

Special Music      website

Children's Message      website

Time of Personal Prayer for Our National Leaders, State Leaders, those suffering illness, and the concerns of the Heart.

New Testament Scripture      Mark 14:1-12, 21-47

Message      website

Apostles Creed      UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic\*church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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Like broken vessels, we need God's healing.

Like those who are dead, we need the stirring of God's life within us.

Like an army surrounded by its enemies, we need Christ's deliverance.

Let us lift up our prayers to God— the one who delivers us from evil, the one whose steadfast love makes us whole again.

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**Joys:**

Living testimonies to the saving grace of God

**Concerns:**

Susie DeWolfe

Frances Lowe

Clara Wyatt

Andy Cheek

Beverly Patton

Jennifer Gandee-Barker

Joe & Lisa Woolweaver

Jamie Caldwell

Ronald Brown

Jenny Lewis

Hallie Nichols

Unspoken Prayers

The Unchurched of our Community

Those affected by the recent natural disasters

Families suffering the loss of loved ones

Those suffering from the Coronavirus and those looking for the cure

To add a concern to the Prayer list - please complete a Prayer card and place it in the Offering Plate.

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Nina Meca

Tom Jackson

Rodney Summers

Holly Smith

Roger Atkinson, Sr.

Carolyn McGlothlin Scarbro

Linda Carpenter

Cindy Sawyer

Charles Peal

Arietia Halcomb

Dona Tribett

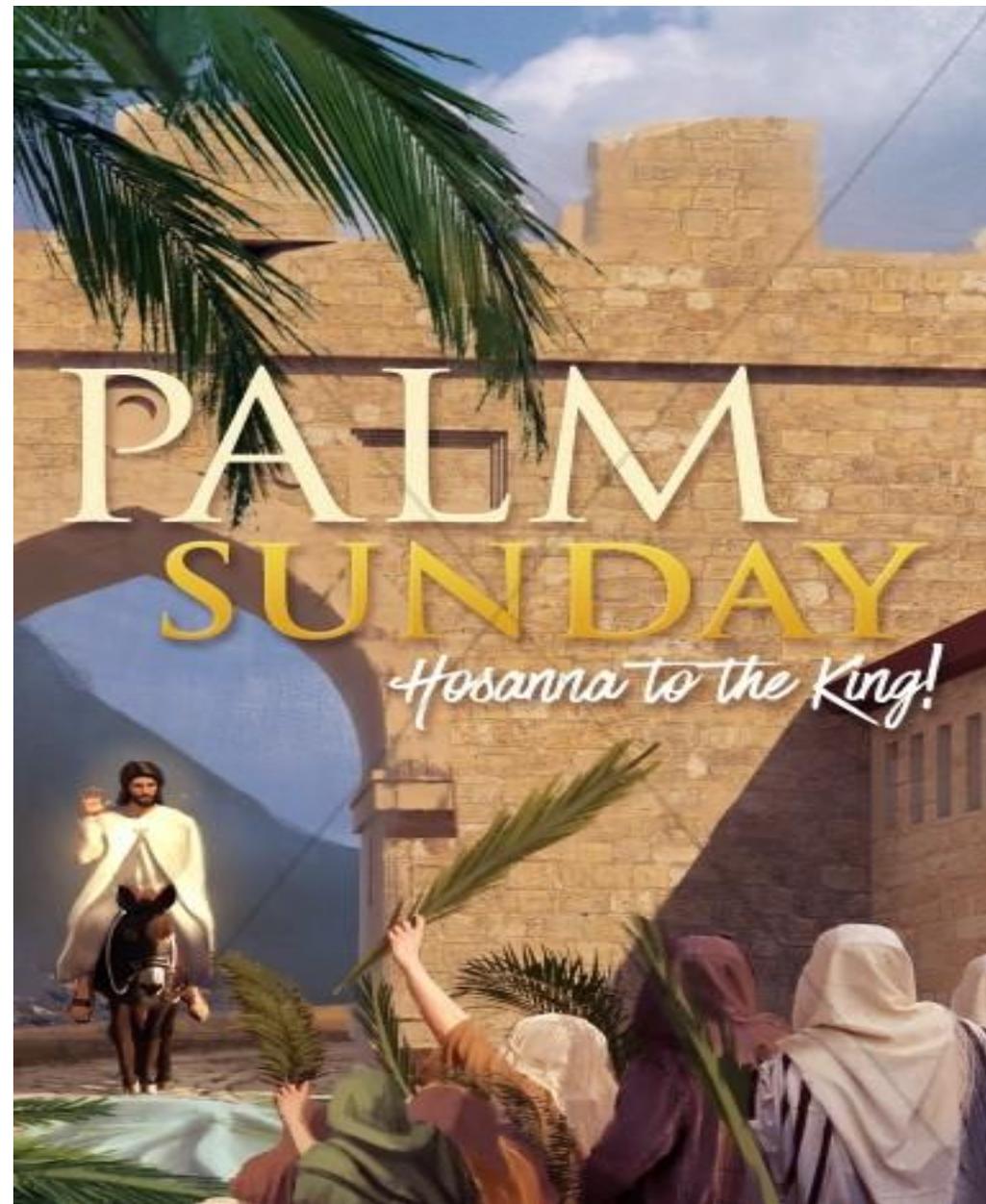
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**Upcoming Activities and Announcements**

All in church meetings and services have been cancelled through April 20. Check the church website for April activities.

The church office will be available (health permitting) Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM- 12:00 Noon. Call ahead to be sure. We are managing this on a week-by-week basis and changes may be made daily.

Remember, even though we are not meeting together in Worship, the church's obligations continue. Your tithes and offerings can be mailed to the church or delivered in person during the office hours available above.



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## Sinners, Turn: Why Will You Die

Sinners, turn: why will you die?  
God, your Maker, asks you why.  
God, who did your being give,  
made you himself, that you might live;  
he that fatal cause demands,  
asks the works of his own hands.  
Why, you thankless creatures, why  
will you cross his love and die?

Sinners, turn: why will you die?  
God, you Savior asks you why.  
God, who did your souls retrieve,  
died himself, that you might live.  
Will you let him die in vain?  
Crucify your Lord again?  
Why, you ransomed sinners, why  
will you slight his grace, and die?

Sinners, turn: why will you die?  
God, the Spirit asks you why;  
he, who all your lives hath strove,  
wooed you to embrace his love.  
Will you not his grace receive?  
Will you still refuse to live?  
Why, you long-sought sinners, why  
will you grieve your God, and die?

You, on whom he favors showers,  
you, possessed of nobler powers,  
you, of reason's powers possessed,  
you, with will and memory blest,  
you, with finer sense endued,  
creatures capable of God;  
noblest of his creatures, why,  
why will you forever die?

You, whom he ordained to be  
transcripts of the Trinity,  
you, whom he in life doth hold,  
you, for whom himself was sold,  
you, on whom he still doth wait,  
whom he would again create;  
made by him, and purchased, why,  
why will you forever die?

You, who own his record true,  
you, his chosen people, you,  
you, who call the Savior Lord,  
you, who read his written Word,  
you, who see the gospel light,  
claim a crown in Jesu's right;  
why will you, ye Christians, why  
will the house of Israel die?

Turn, he cries, ye sinners, turn;  
by his life your God hath sworn;  
he would have you turn and live,  
he would have all the world receive;  
he hath brought to all the race  
full salvation by his grace;  
he hath no soul passed by;  
why will you resolve to die?

Can ye doubt, if God is love,  
if all his mercies move?  
Will ye not his word receive?  
Will ye not his oath believe?  
See, the suffering God appears!  
Jesus weeps! Believe his tears!  
Mingles with his blood they cry,  
why will you resolve to die?

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is Freedom

2 Corinthians 3:17

